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Artillery Duel Was Fiercely Fought on Both Sides

Playa del Este, July 1.—After seven hours of hard fighting our troops are now moving up the green hills toward the outer defenses of Santiago City.

The artillery duel this morning between Grimes's battery and the Spanish battery which he engaged was of the fiercest character. It was his second engagement of the kind. His men threw their shrapnel directly into the Spanish trenches.

Grimes was reinforced by a reserve battery late in the morning. Guns are being dragged up the hill through the dense chaparral and cactus.

Most of our troops are hidden in the thick woods, and so are not aware of the splendid advance of our advance guard. On the faraway hills large forces of Spaniards are being held in reserve. The Spaniards can be plainly seen in the trenches firing without exposing themselves in the slightest, simply thrusting their gun barrels over the breastworks.